

Advancing renal imaging biomarkers

Synchrotron X-ray micro-CT imaging
for resolving complex 3D structural changes
in the kidney

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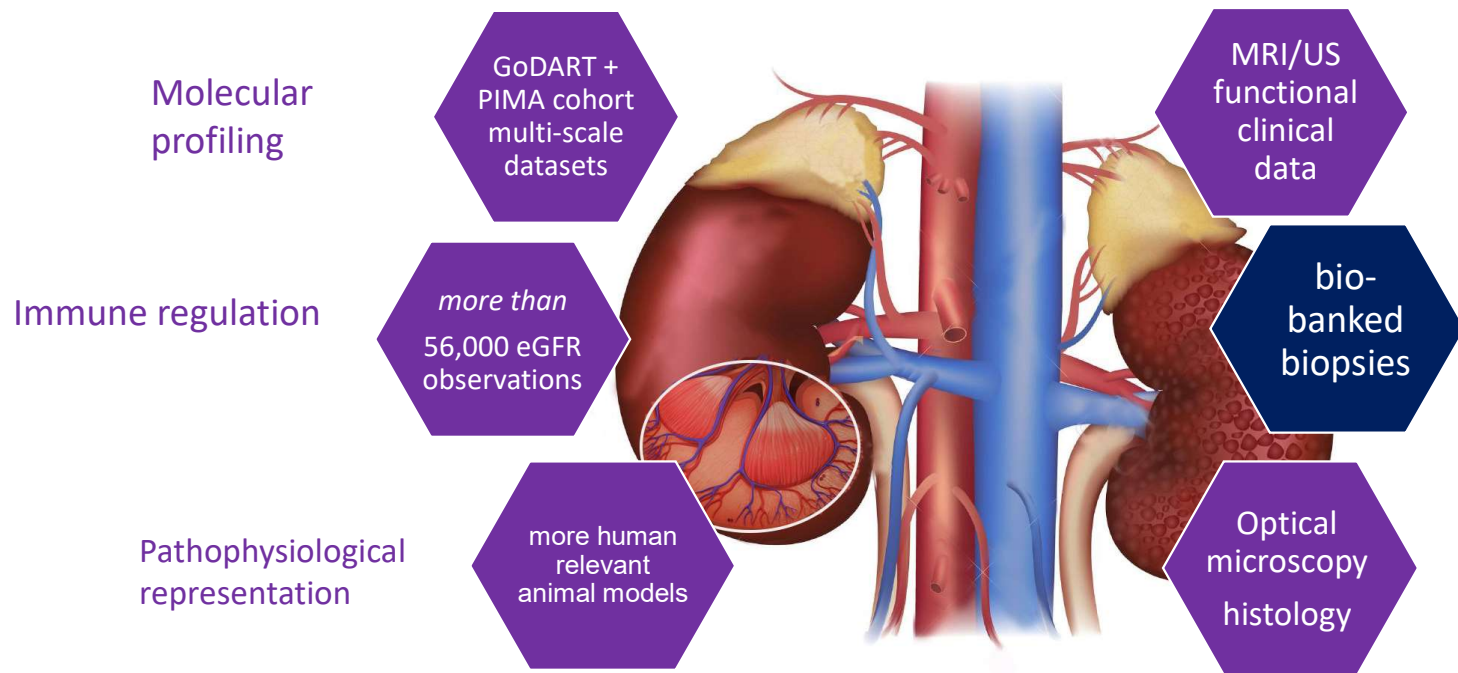
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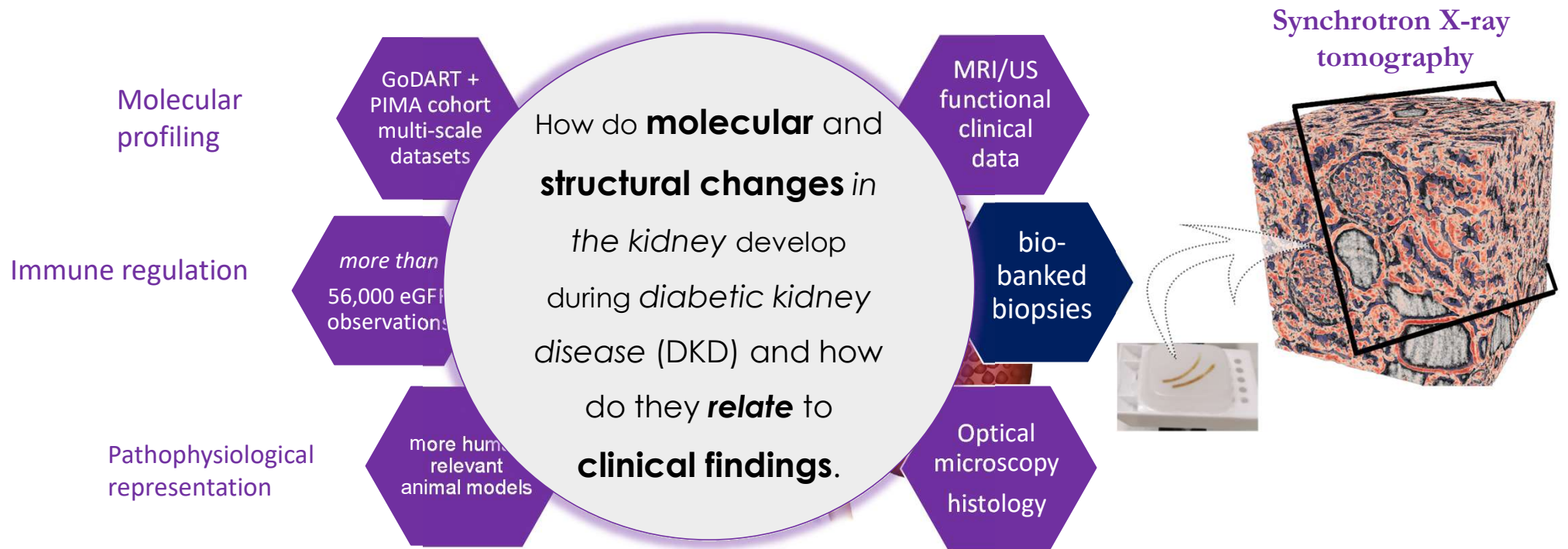
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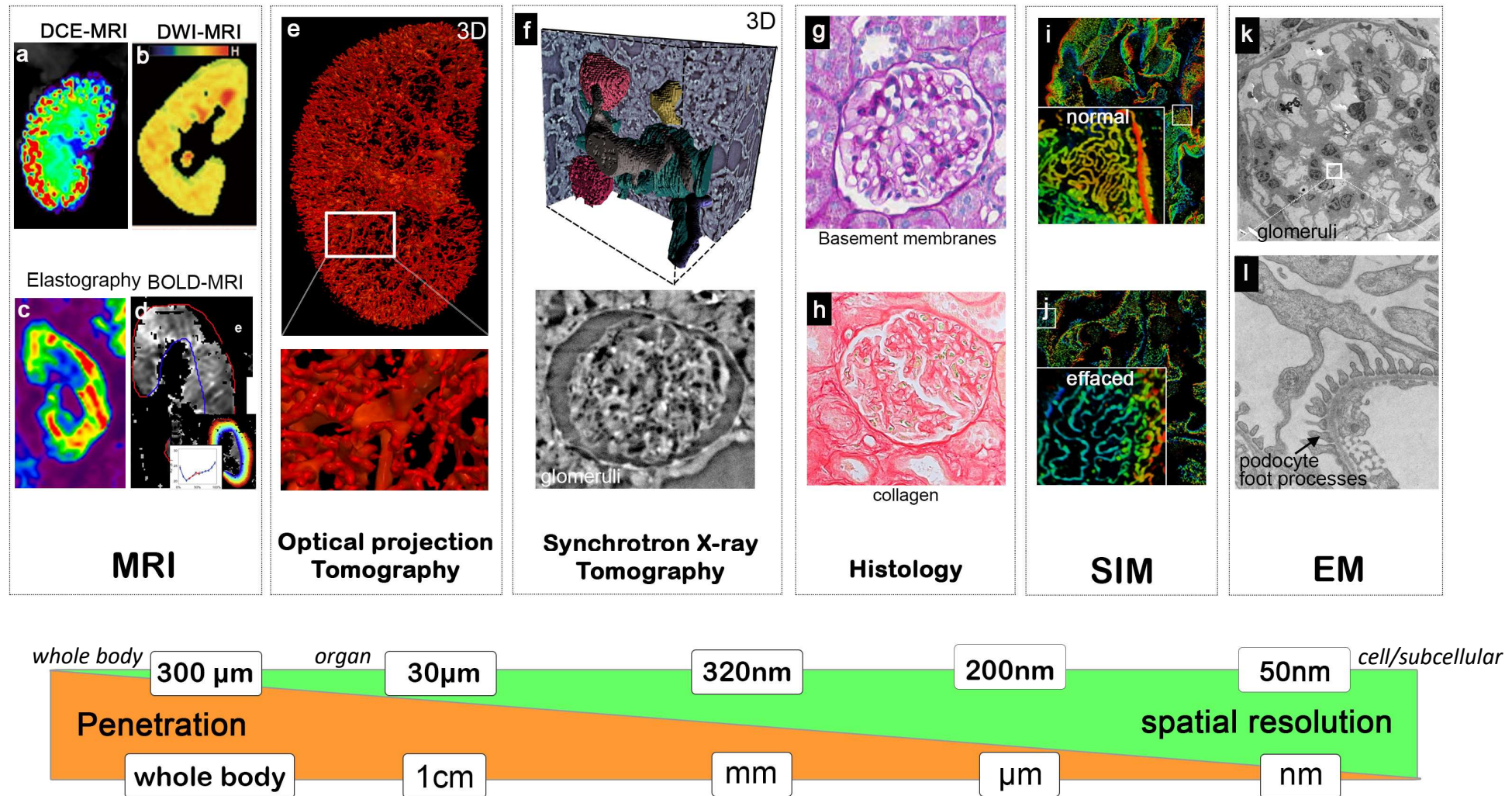
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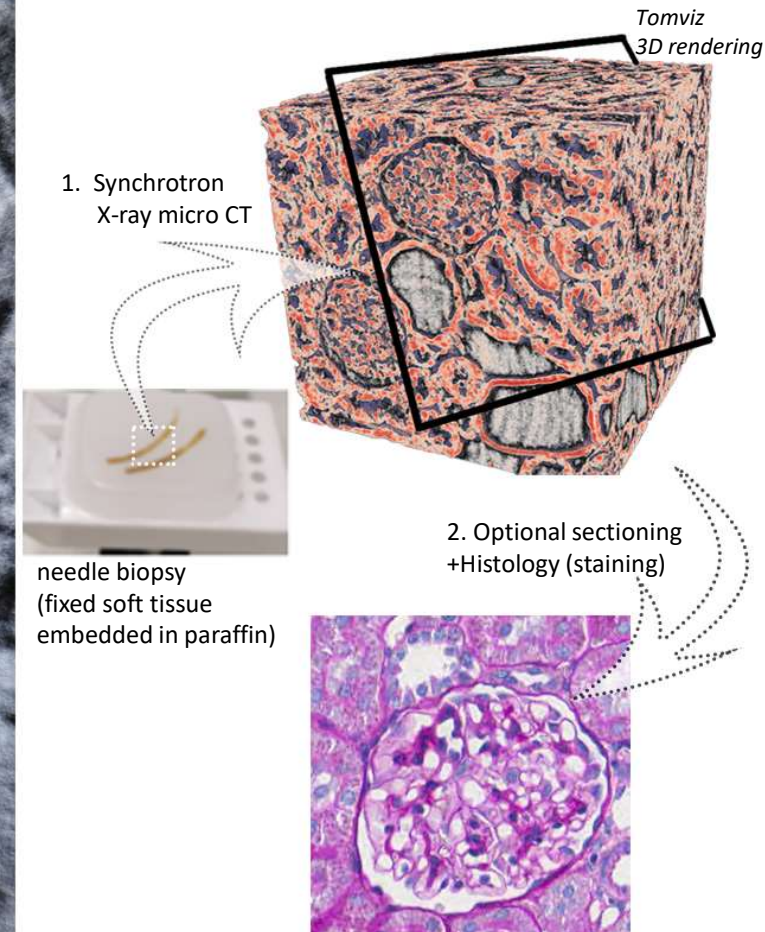
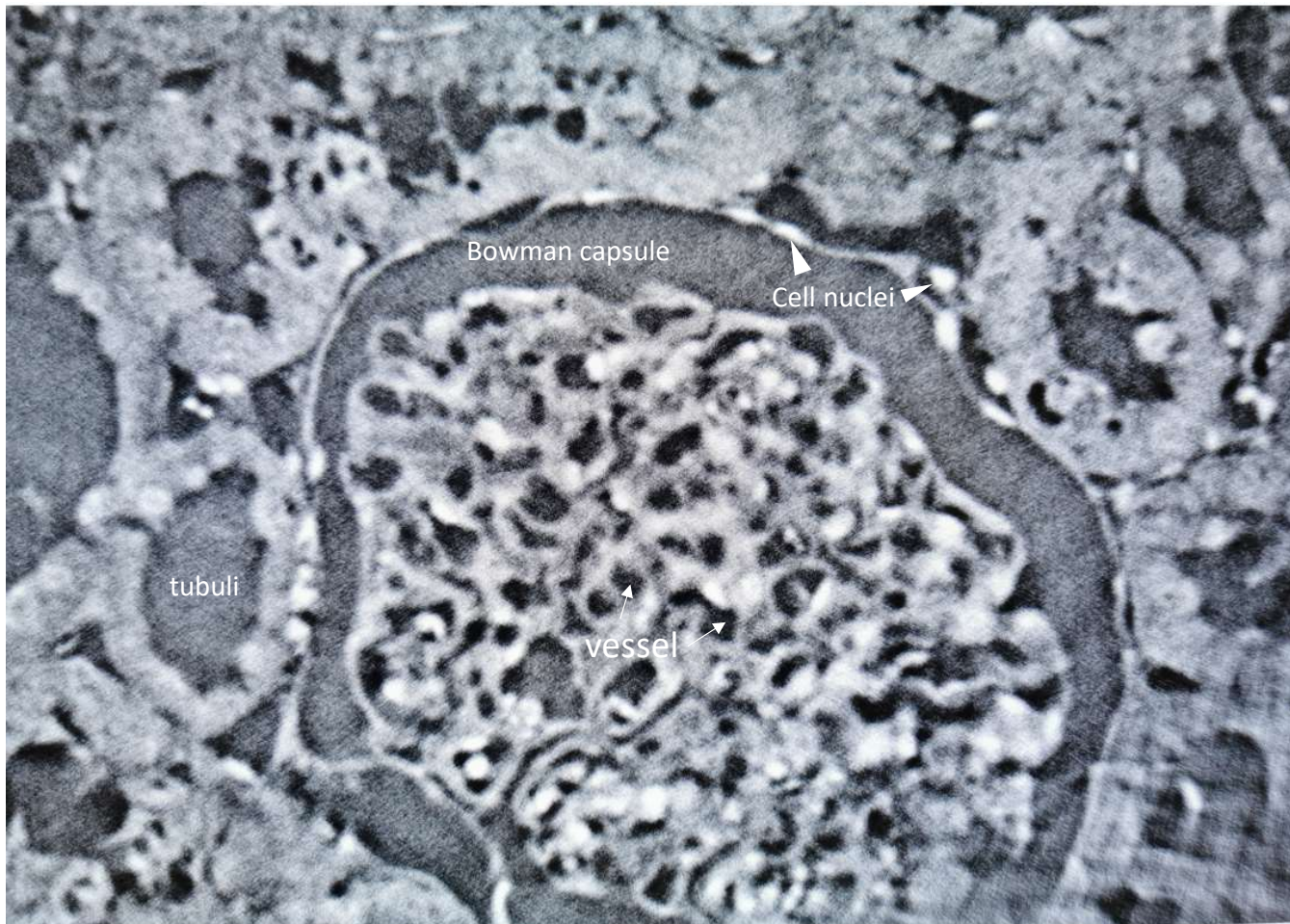


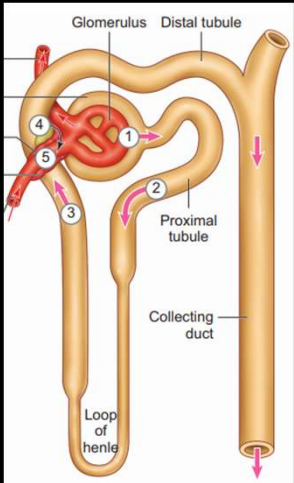
Renal imaging modalities differ in length (resolution) and timescales



high-resolution Synchrotron x-ray Imaging

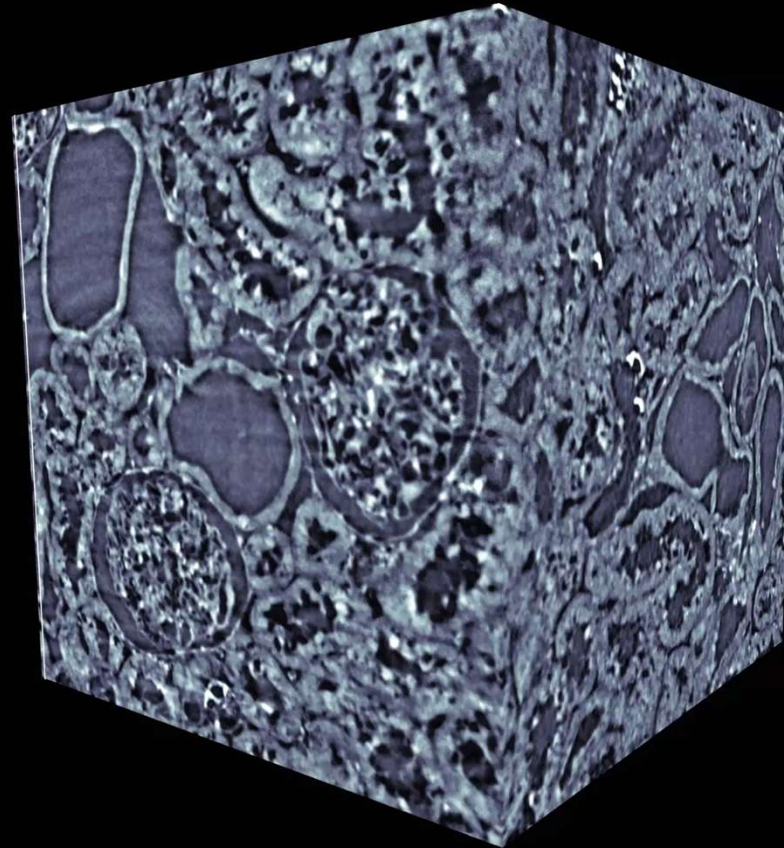
Powerful synchrotron light, traveling at nearly the speed of light, allows a deep look into biological tissues and can reveal high-resolution **structural secrets** in paraffin-embedded biopsies without sample destruction





Synchrotron X-ray micro-CT imaging for resolving complex 3D structural changes in the kidney:

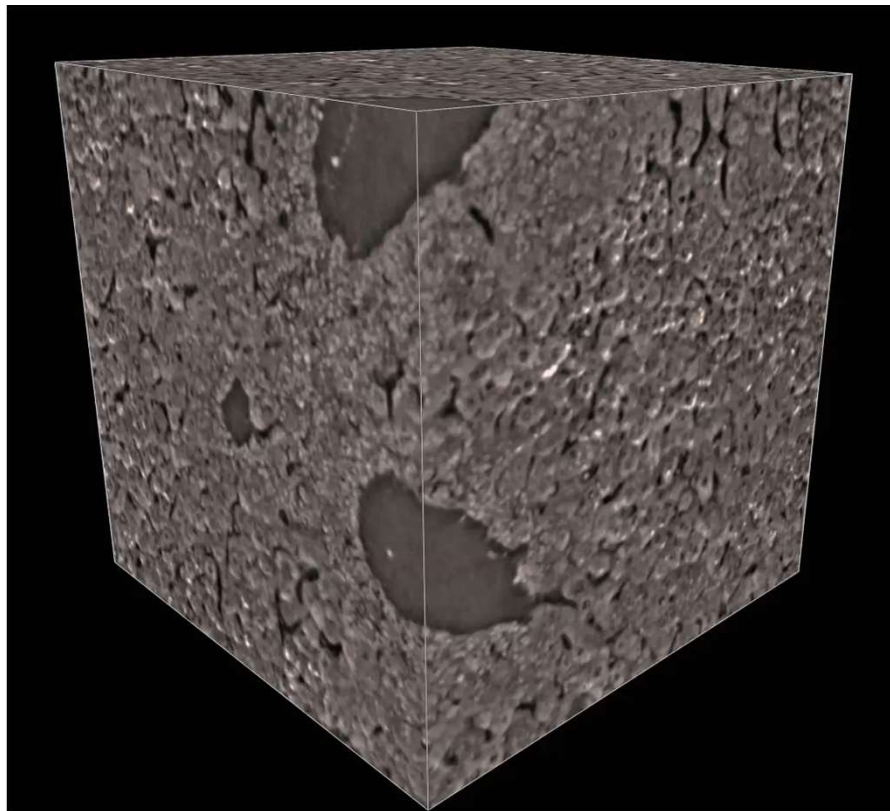
a missing piece of information needed to understand and potentially predict DKD progression



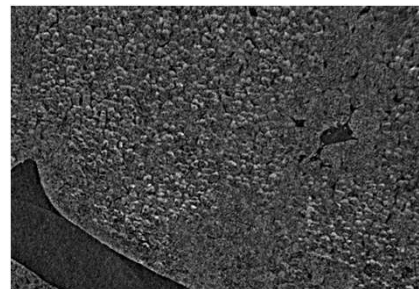
BBDR.cg-lepr.cp rat kidney
Scanned at Tomcat beamline, SLS
voxel size: 0.32 μ m
Displayed: 380x380x380 μ m

Image analysis using automated machine learning approach

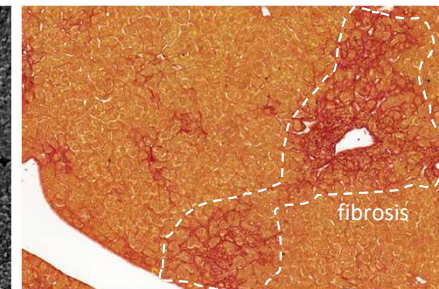
Example from fibrotic liver



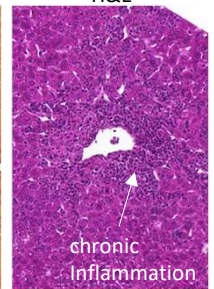
Synchrotron micro CT



Picro Sirius Red stain



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A New Mouse Model That Spontaneously Develops Chronic Liver Inflammation and Fibrosis

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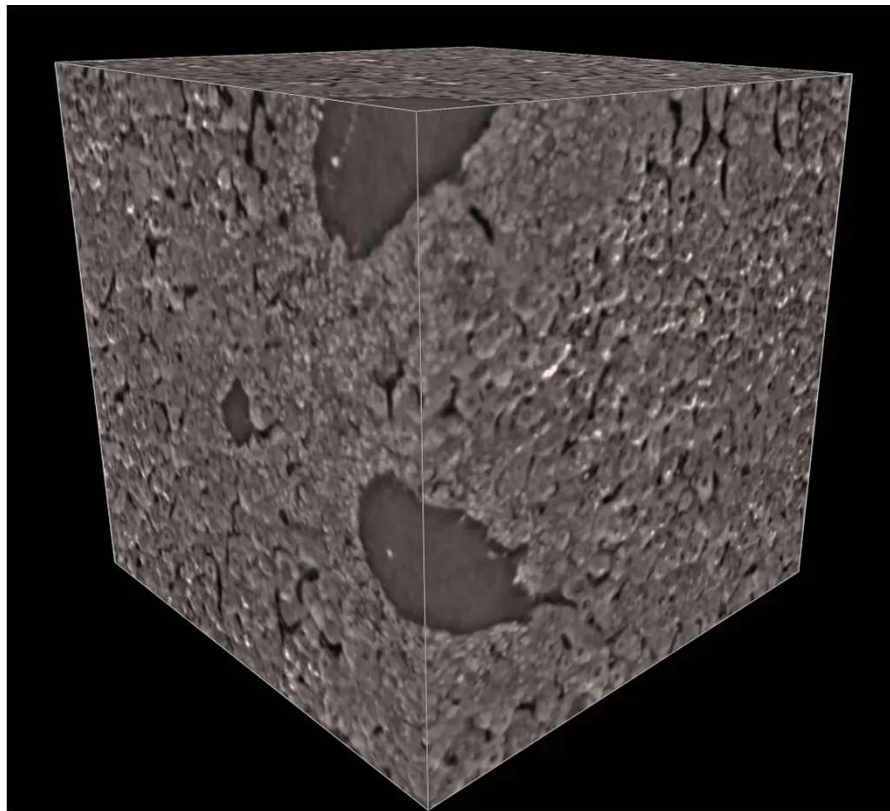
NKT cells promote both type 1 and type 2 inflammatory responses in a mouse model of liver fibrosis

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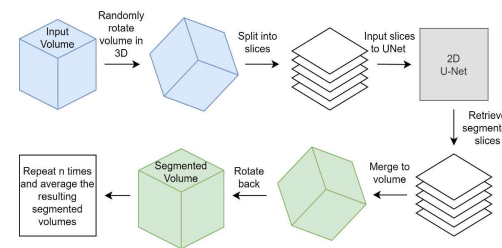


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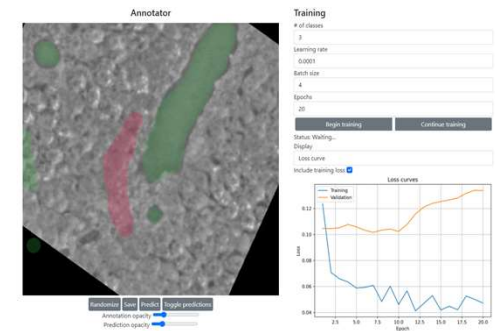
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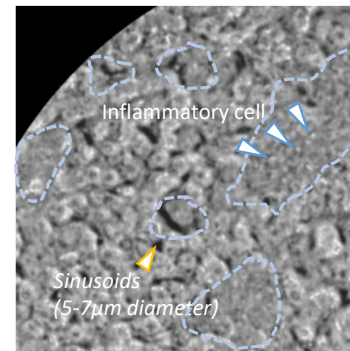
Supervised machine learning approach using U-net



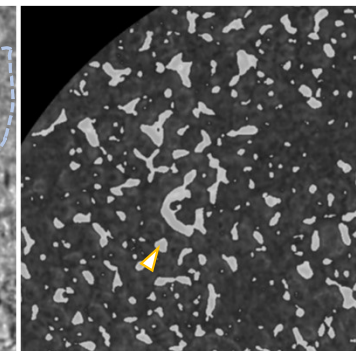
Training user surface



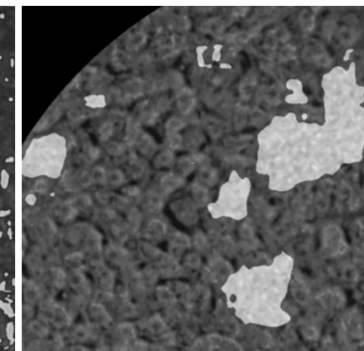
Raw data



Vessels (sinusoids)



Fibrotic (sick)



**Phenotyping of the rat model
Kidney project**

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its important to study
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